

Future PLC Annual Report Highlights Record-Breaking Year

Online audience grew 56% year over year; topline revenue up 56%

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, December 14, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Future](#) Plc, the global platform for specialist media, today publishes its Annual Report for FY20. Strong results include 56% year-on-year growth in online audiences, demonstrating the increasing strength of its website portfolio.



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The report details the story behind an exceptional year for the company. Just days after brands across the portfolio delivered record ecommerce revenue performance across Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the report outlines many further growth stories. Through the strength of brands such as [PC Gamer](#), [Guitar World](#) and [Tom's Guide](#), Future is not only growing its audience scale,

but attracting highly engaged, in-market consumers, crucial for advertisers who are looking to maximise return on their spend or trigger an immediate ecommerce transaction.

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Despite facing multiple challenges from a broader economic perspective, Future continued its trajectory of growth. Topline revenues grew 56% to \$455 million (pound-to-dollar conversion courtesy of Morningstar), which included organic media revenue growth of 23%. Future has committed to growing its brand portfolio, as well as the scale of its editorial operation, which led to the launch of 8 new websites such as Fit & Well, Petsradar and

My Imperfect Life. This helped drive 56% growth in online audiences (with organic audiences up 48%).

Reflecting on Future's Ecommerce performance over the crucial Black Friday / Cyber Monday, the sales order values and year-on-year growth was exceptional. Over \$86 million (pound-to-dollar conversion courtesy of Morningstar) in affiliate revenues were driven from Future's core

technology lifestyle sites over the week of Black Friday, up 18.5% on the same period in 2019. Huge growth was also driven in the Women's Lifestyle sector, fuelled by brands such as Woman&Home, achieving 84% year-on-year growth. Similarly strong performance was also noted in Music (+131%) and Sports (+309%), demonstrating both the intent-driven nature of Future's audience over that period, and its ability to convert that intent into a purchase decision through editorial recommendation and proprietary Ecommerce technology.

"Future has continued to thrive by knowing what our audiences value most, enabling us to take advantage of the changing market landscape to continue to deliver incredible content to our communities in whatever way meets their needs," said Future PLC Chief Executive Zillah Byng-Thorne. "Our content now reaches one in three adults in the US and UK, and our leadership positions are underpinned by a track record of strong, consistent organic growth, and accelerated through acquisitions. The results in our report demonstrate the continued strength of our offer, as well as the innovation, fortitude and agility of our business, focused on its purpose, delivered by its people."

Future PLC's annual report is available for download here:

<https://investor.futureplc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AR2020-FINAL.pdf>

About Future

Future is a global platform business for specialist media with diversified revenue streams. Its content reaches over 1 in 3 adults online in both the UK and the US.

The Media division is high-growth with three complementary revenue streams: eCommerce, events and digital advertising including advertising within newsletters. It operates in a number of sectors including technology, games & entertainment, music, home & gardens, sports, TV & film, real life, women's lifestyle and B2B. Its brands include TechRadar, PC Gamer, Tom's Guide, Android Central, Truly, Digital Camera World, Homebuilding & Renovating Show, GamesRadar+, The Photography Show, Top Ten Reviews, Marie Claire, Live Science, Guitar World, MusicRadar, Space.com, What to Watch, Gardening Etc, Adventure and Tom's Hardware.

The Magazine division focuses on publishing specialist content, with a combined global circulation of over 3 million delivered through more than 115 magazines, and 410 bookazines published a year. The portfolio spans technology, games & entertainment, sports, music, photography & design, homes & garden, country lifestyle, TV & film and B2B. Its titles include Country Life, Wallpaper, Woman & Home, Classic Rock, Decanter, Guitar Player, FourFourTwo, Homebuilding & Renovating, Digital Camera, Guitarist, How It Works, Total Film, What Hi-Fi? and Music Week.

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